

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 21-40 were previously pending in the application. Claims 21, 31-33, 38, and 40 are amended herein, and claims 41-50 are added herein. Assuming entry of this amendment, claims 21-50 are now pending. The Applicant hereby requests further examination and reconsideration of the application in view of the foregoing amendments and these remarks.

In paragraph 2 of the Action, the Examiner objected to the specification as unnecessarily containing an attorney docket number. The Applicant has amended the specification to remove the attorney docket number, and it is believed that this objection has now been overcome.

In paragraph 4, the Examiner rejected claims 21-40 under 35 U.S.C. §101 as directed to non-statutory subject matter for lacking "a practical application that produces useful, concrete and tangible results."

In paragraph 5, the Examiner stated that claims 21-40 are allowable over the prior art of record.

The Applicant has amended independent claims 21, 32, 38, and 40 to recite a step of routing the packetized data, and it is believed that the rejection of claims 21-40 as non-statutory has now been overcome.

New Claims 41-50

New claims 41-50 are all claims that were submitted in the Applicant's after-final Amendment filed on 9/25/06 but were refused entry in the 10/17/06 Advisory Action due to the total number of claims submitted being greater in number than the claims pending before the 7/25/06 Final Office Action. Accordingly, the Applicant chose not to present these claims in the Substitute Amendment filed on 10/24/06. However, since the now-pending Office Action is non-final, and these claims all merely capture subject matter previously indicated as allowable, the Applicant is entitled to entry of these claims, also noting that the appropriate fees for these claims have already been paid.

For reference, the following table illustrates the original claims that provide support for each of new claims 41-50, as well as the equivalent claims submitted in the 9/25/06 Amendment:

New Claim	Support in Original Claim(s)	Equivalent Claim Submitted in 9/25/06 Amendment
41	12	26
42	13	27
43	5	31
44	16	35
45	17	36
46	16	39
47	5	43
48	1 and 7	48
49	14	49
50	1 and 14	50

Since new claims 41-47 depend variously from claims 21 and 32, which have been indicated as allowable, new claims 41-47 are also allowable over the cited references.

New claim 48 recites the features explicitly written in original claim 7. Since the Examiner stated that original claim 7 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, the Applicant submits that new claim 48 is allowable over the cited references. Since new claim 49 depends from claim 48, new claim 49 is also allowable over the cited references.

New claim 50 recites the features explicitly written in original claim 14. Since the Examiner stated that original claim 14 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, the Applicant submits that new claim 50 is allowable over the cited references.

Therefore, the Applicant believes that the entire application is now in condition for allowance, and early and favorable action is respectfully solicited.

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